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What are LABI's priorities for the 2026 legislative session?

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The Louisiana State Capitol. (Oscar Tickle)

With Louisiana lawmakers set to convene Monday to kick off the state's 2026 regular legislative session, the [Louisiana Association of Business and Industry](#) is entering the Capitol with a familiar mandate: build on the state's economic momentum while tackling the pervasive challenges that continue to hinder business growth.

LABI President and CEO Will Green tells *Daily Report* his organization's session priorities center on three main issues—insurance, workforce development and energy—that business leaders across the state consistently cite as their top areas of concern.

Those focus areas are outlined in LABI's [2026 Program of Work](#), its annual policy blueprint developed with input from its member companies.

Insurance costs remain one of the most pressing concerns for employers in Louisiana, according to Green. High premiums—particularly for commercial insurance—can place a significant burden on businesses and ultimately ripple through the broader economy.

“When businesses can’t afford insurance, they do one of two things,” Green says. “They close down or they have to raise the price of goods so everybody pays.”

LABI argues that improving Louisiana’s legal climate is key to bringing more insurers into the market and lowering costs. That’s why it plans to tackle the insurance issue primarily by advocating for civil justice reforms that it says will allow insurers to meet their obligations to their policyholders “without the threat of predatory lawsuits.”